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SUBJ: SECURITY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CHANCERY - CAIRO

1. DURING VISIT TO CAIRO FROM JAN 30 TO FEB 1, RSO
CONDUCTED SECURITY INSPECTION OF CHANCERY WHICH WAS TO
BE REOCCUPIED ON FEB 2, 74. FOL ARE
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT OF BUILDING'S SECURITY:

A. ALL GROUND FLOOR WINDOWS EXCEPT THOSE IN AMB'S
OFFICE SHOULD BE GRILLED PREFERABLY USING FIVE-EIGHTH INCH
BARS, SOLID STEEL, FIRMLY IMBEDDED ON ALL SIDES TO DEPTH OF
THREE INCHES IN CONCRETE, STONE OR MASONRY, USE CLIPANCHORS
OR BEND END OF BARS WHEN GROUTING THEM INTO WALL.
VERTICAL BARS SHOULD BE MAXIMUM OF 5 INCHES ON CENTER AND
THERE SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT HORIZONTAL BRACES TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE
RIGIDITY.

B. TWO WINDOWS IN AMB'S OFFICE SHOULD BE FITTED WITH
BULLET PROOF GLASS. RSO FEELS THAT SINCE AMB'S OFFICE
ON GROUND FLOOR, CLOSEST OFFICE TO MAIN GATE AND
SURROUNDING BUILDINGS LOOK DOWN INTO OFFICE THAT THIS GLASS
WOULD GREATLY IMPROVE AMB'S PROTECTION. SUGGEST POST
PROVIDE DEPT WITH PRECISE MEASUREMENTS OF WINDOW AND
REQ DEPT PROVIDE GUIDANCE ON COST, FRAMING NEEDED FOR
GLASS, INSTALLATION REQUIREMENTS, ETC.

C. INSIDE OF FRONT METAL FRAME DOOR (WITH GLASS INSET) SHOULD BE
FITTED WITH L CLAMPS IN SURROUNDING WALL AND DROP BARS THAT CAN
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BE LOCKED INTO PLACE. SUGGEST THAT TWO SEPARATE DROP BARS BE

INSTALLED ONE 1/3 FROM TOP AND ONE 1/3 FROM BOTTOM.

D. OUTSIDE DOOR ON WEST SIDE OF BUILDING SHOULD BE REPLACED WITH SOLID DOOR FITTED WITH ONE-EIGHTH INCH SHEET METAL ON INSIDE. RTC WILL INSTALL S&G LOCK WITH MODEL 50 EXTENSION. THIS DOOR WILL BE USED FOR ACCESS TO CHANCERY AFTER HOURS. POST WAS REPLACING DOOR DURING RSO VISIT AND RTC TEAM AT POST WILL HAVE INSTALLED LOCK IF DOOR COMPLETED PRIOR TO RTC TEAM'S DEPARTURE.

E. ALL AIR CONDITIONERS SHOULD BE PLACED IN OPENINGS PROVIDED FOR THEM. INSIDE OF A/CS SHOULD BE EQUIPPED WITH METAL STRAPS TO PREVENT A/CS BEING PUSHED IN.

F. ALL DOORS LEADING TO OUTSIDE OF BUILDING AND TWO DOORS LEADING TO REAR STAIRWELL (COMMISSARY STAIRWELL) SHOULD BE REPLACED WITH SOLID DOORS FITTED WITH ONE-EIGHTH INCH SHEET METAL ON INSIDE AND SECURED WITH DEADBOLTS AND PADLOCKS. MANY OF THE FRAMES ON THESE DOORS ARE WEAK AND WILL NEED TO BE REINFORCED OR REPLACED.

G. GRILL ON STAIRWELL LEADING FROM COMMISSARY TO CHANCERY PROPER SHOULD BE REPLACED WITH STURDIER GRILL THAT COMPLETELY BLOCKS ACCESS TO STAIRWELL.

H. POST SHOULD PREPARE A FIRE PLAN FOR THE CHANCERY AND ENSURE THAT ADEQUATE FIRE FIGHTING EQUIP IS AVAILABLE IN BUILDING. WORK ON CLEANING OUT ATTIC AREA SHOULD BE EXPEDITED TO LIMIT FIRE HAZARD.

2. RSO WILL REPORT INSPECTION OF CHANCERY IN NARRATIVE AIRGRAM WHEN EXHIBITS ARE PREPARED.
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